

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes

March 29, 2007

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In Attendance: Edd Blackler, John Bourquin, Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Gary Ridderhoff, Elna Darrow, Don Loranger, Mike Richeson, Paul Guerrant, Steve Zabaro, George Darrow, Buz Meyer, Clarice Ryan, Sue Hanson, Paul Mutascio, Bruce Solberg,

The Meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Elna Darrow at 12:02

Introductions were made and Elna introduced J. David Williams President of Flathead County Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Williams presented two handouts about this Chapter. (see attached in notebook)

Their mission statement reads: Move people from substandard housing to safe, affordable housing where they can live and raise their families in a secure environment that they can call home. Eliminate sub standard housing in the Flathead County. The first item is to identify families living in these homes and they must meet certain monetary requirements. These families need to be in the program for 9 to 18 months before their house is done. This chapter has taken on a new direction, new energy, new focus and is being run as business. Their goal is to build 3 homes in 2007, 5 in 2008, and 10 in 2009. This is done with volunteer labor, donated and purchased materials. They operate a re-sale shop in Kalispell where they can accept donations of building supplies and also offer supplies for sale. The families that are accepted have a 30 year interest free loan, with Habitat holding a small second and have a new equity sharing policy. Their biggest need is land, and they are hoping to develop relationships with developers, landowners, planning departments, estates and financial planners, anyone with land. "We are giving a hand up not a hand out." Mr. Williams stated at the end of his presentation they are always looking for volunteers and there are many different areas to choose, from pounding a nail, working in the shop, writing grant letters, and many others. You can call his cell number 212-0128

Agenda: The agenda was adopted as emailed. (m/sc Darrow, G/Janover)

Minutes: The minutes for March 22, 2007 were approved as emailed. (m/sc Wagner, C./Janover)

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Committee Reports:

Resort Tax: Bruce Solberg reported that the members are still researching and reading independently. He would like to receive any questions that people might have about all aspects of the resort tax so that these questions could be answered in advance. His email address is chamber@bigfork.org

Lake County Zoning: There was no meeting. They will meet on Friday March 30, 2007 at the Chamber of Commerce.

Vision Committee: They will be meeting Monday, April 2, 2007 at 12:00 PM at Osborn Landing. Edd has been contacting other people to participate. Russ Kinzer, Superintendent of Bigfork Schools will be coming in the future. It was suggested that Edd contact the Bigfork Arts and Cultural Center and invite their board members.

New Business: Paul Mutascio from the Community Foundation For a Better Bigfork (CFBB) reported they had their budget for the year and had a list of projects which includes striping of the streets, bring lighting to the school's tennis courts, flashing red light to warn drivers of the school zone, improvements on the nature trail and still working to get sidewalks. Paul said that Jerry Murphy has a group who are busy working on a pamphlet to be given out in the tourist season showing the history of some of the downtown buildings.

Mike Richeson from the Bigfork Eagle is researching the catch basin that is supposed to be in Bigfork Bay area found there is no paper trail at the county level. He agreed to follow up and was given some suggestions. One was the Storm Water meetings being held in Whitefish and Kalispell. Whitefish City Hall April 17, 2007 9:00 AM, -- Kalispell April 18, 2007 Hampton Inn 8:30 AM. Sue Hanson also suggested Mike contact Lee Leivo who is extremely knowledgeable about the sewers in Bigfork.

Meeting adjourned at 1:04

Pat Wagner, Secretary